

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-21 are rejected in the application. Claims 2 and 12 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 10 and 11 have been amended to correct an error in antecedent basis. Independent claim 20 does not include this issue.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,105,127 (hereinafter “Kimura”) in view of Olarig et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,944,809 (hereinafter “Olarig”).

Applicants rely on their arguments submitted in the prior Response of July 6, 2006. In view of those arguments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-11, and 13-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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